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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is requested. This amendment is being filed within the initial three-month period for response (to and including July 19, 2007), so no extensions of time are believed to be required. However, if it is determined that an extension is necessary, Applicants request that the Commissioner grant such extension and deduct the associated fees from Deposit Account 13-0014.